

Introduced by Senator AlquistJanuary 21, 2010

An act relating to health care coverage.

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SB 890, as introduced, Alquist. Health care coverage.

Existing law provides for licensing and regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Managed Health Care. Existing law provides for licensing and regulation of health insurers by the Department of Insurance. Existing law creates various programs to provide health care services to persons of limited incomes, including the Medi-Cal program and the Healthy Families Program.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to implement federal health care reforms by enacting specified legislation in that regard.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to implement
- 2 federal health care reform legislation.
- 3 (b) In order to accomplish this goal, the Legislature proposes
- 4 to take, at a minimum, all of the following steps by enacting
- 5 legislation in that regard:
- 6 (1) Enacting and enforcing health insurance market reforms,
- 7 including, but not limited to, increasing the limiting age for
- 8 dependent coverage, and addressing rescission, preexisting
- 9 condition exclusions, rating rules, medical loss ratios, waiting
- 10 periods, annual and lifetime limits, and guaranteed issue.

- 1 (2) Expanding Medi-Cal coverage to medically indigent adults.
- 2 (3) Modifying the provisions relating to the Major Risk Medical
- 3 Insurance Program in order to make the state eligible for federal
- 4 funding.